



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Affordable Housing Coalition Minutes

September 17, 2024

Love Columbia (1209 E Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65201) and virtual via Zoom

Meeting Attendees: Rikki Ascani (Local Motion), Jerrell Morton (Job Point), Travis Korner (Job Point), Tammy Hickem (Harbor House), Brian Toohey (Columbia Board of Realtors), Ashley Switzer (Habitat for Humanity), Senica Smith (Volunteer Action Center (VAC)), Kendra Jackson (Columbia Housing Authority), Sara Stone (Love Columbia (LC)), Meg Brown (St. Vincet de Paul Society), Andrew Devereaux (Boone County Resource Management Department), Christopher Williams (Will's off-grid RVs), Susan Renne Carter (Race Matters, Friends), Catherine Wallis (Salvation Army), Chealsea Zabski (Missouri Foundation for Health), Tyler Davis (DBRL), Jane Williams (LC), Conrad Hake (LC), Tionna Lawson (VAC), Michael Martin (AP Columbia), Carter Stephenson (Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services), Kendra Jackson (CHA), Becky Thompson (City of Columbia – Housing and Neighborhood Services), Daniel Crasnow (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA), Evan Lawrence (4-A-Change), Carmelita Wright (Salvation Army), Scott Buis (Truman VA), Erica Pefferman (Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDCH)), Pat Fowler (Mid Missouri Legal Services Corp), Nick Foster (Columbia City Council), Verna Laboy (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD), Kerby Webb (BCCSD), Emilio Ayala Youngblood (BCCSD), Joanne Nelson (BCCSD)

Meeting Objective: Boone County Master Plan Update & Rising housing costs in Boone County

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jane opened the meeting with everyone providing introductions.

2. Boone County Master Plan Overview, Andrew Devereux, Planner- Boone County Management

Andrew is a planner at the Boone County Resource Management Department. Andrew presented on the Boone County master plan which provided background information, future land use concepts, future land use maps, draft principals and goals, and conservation tools. The presenter mentioned that a master plan is not a regulation, but rather a guide to determine future growth of the county. The group saw 3 different land use maps.

a. Q & A

A group member asked Andrew about how the City of Columbia is integrated with the project. Is there an agreement among the county and city?

The presenter responded by saying that there are several members of the City working in these committees and that there is a good relationship with other related City departments. The City is able to communicate their comments and concerns.

A group member asked about the efforts with reaching outside cities/town in Boone County.

The presenter responded by saying that there have been press releases to reach those outside cities/towns. He also mentioned that there are focus groups being held in some of those outside areas. The presenter said that groups like this are what it takes to get that information out.



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3. Report Research on Tiny Home Village Trip

Some people from the group took a trip to Eden Ville to learn more about Tiny Homes. A group member said that they learned unique things about each project but that there is no one clear way for moving forward with the Tiny Home projects and there are various options.

The rent on these Eden Ville Tiny Homes is about \$325/mo, but the cost is \$700/mo. The difference usually comes from private funding to make these Tiny Homes affordable. The group discussed the Tiny Homes efforts that are occurring in other areas such as Lawrence, Kansas. The group also recognized that these Tiny Home efforts are a great effort, but the execution is what needs to happen and we have to find who will do it.

4. Update on Rising costs of rents in Boone County while cooling of in St. Louis & Kansas City

Brian Toohey who is the CEO of the Columbia Board of Realtors gave an update on the renting cost in Boone County. He shared that last month saw the highest price increase which was at about 12%. Rent rate changes in Kansas City and St. Louis are either consistent or lower than the national average. He shared that there is a need for more development. The information shared shows that Columbia is predicted to have one of the highest appreciation rates in the nation.

5. Partner Updates

CMCA and Love Columbia will both have Groundbreaking Ceremonies on October 3rd, 2024.

The county in collaboration with the city will host a Housing Summit on October 24th at Memorial Baptist from 8:30AM-5:00PM. There will be a recap from 6:00PM-7:30PM for those who cannot attend the full day, Summit.

The marketing subcommittee shared that they hope to launch their website by the end of the year. The website will allow people to find detailed information on housing.

Rikki from Local Motion hopes to get 1,000 responses on their Transportation survey

6. Next Steps

Next Meeting will be Policy & Marketing Subcommittees: October 15, 2024, at 3:00PM at Love Columbia in person only no Zoom option